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It has been a great experience and joy representing the people of District 4 the past 2 years on the Hawaii County Council. The needs of our county are enormous. We are experiencing tremendous growth, and with this growth we have shortages in basic infrastructure needs as water, sewage, municipal solid waste, and roads. County government must focus on these issues.

If re-elected, much of my focus will be on working on our community development plan to make sure that downtown Hilo, the University of Hawaii-Hilo, the Hawaii Community College, our shopping areas, Banyan Drive, and the wharf/beach area are properly connected with roads, bike and walking paths. Both of our higher education campuses are expanding and growing with new programs, new facilities, and possible commercial areas. The county must continue to work with the University and Community College to make sure that growth is planned accordingly.

This past term, I have helped to upgrade many recreational facilities in District 4. Our youth programs are excellent, and we need to continue investing in the youth of our community, as sports and recreational opportunities are very important.

Being a lifelong resident of the island of Hawaii, the changes for me are not easy. I have come to the understanding that we must work together to maintain or create the type of community that we are all proud to call our home. If re-elected, I will strive for this balance.